CHAPTER 34.

An Act to amend the Act respecting the Public Health.

Assented to 23rd April, 1887.

HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, enacts as follows:—

Re school protection against infectious diseases.

1. Whenever a case of smallpox, cholera, scarlatina, diphtheria, whooping cough, measles, mumps, glanders, or other contagious disease, exists in any house or household belonging to which are persons attending school, the householder shall, within eighteen hours of the time such disease is known to exist, notify the head teacher of such school or schools, and also the secretary of the Local Board of Health, of the existence of such disease; and no member of such household shall attend school until a certificate has been obtained from the Medical Health Officer, or legally qualified medical practitioner, that infection no longer exists in the house, and that the sick person, house, clothing and other effects have been disinfected to his satisfaction; and until such certificate shall have been obtained, it shall be the duty of every member of the household, and of the teacher, to use all reasonable efforts to prevent the association of members of the said household with other children.

(2) Whenever the Local Board of Health, or any of its officers or members knows of the existence in any house of smallpox, cholera, scarlatina, diphtheria, whooping cough, measles, mumps, glanders, or other contagious disease, they shall at once notify the head or other master of the school or schools at which any member of the household is in attendance; and should it not be evident that said member has not been exposed to said diseases, or any of them, the teacher must forthwith prevent such further attendance until the several members present a certificate stating, that infection no longer exists, as provided in the preceding sub-section.

(3) Whenever a teacher in any school has reason to suspect that any pupil has, or that there exists in the home of any pupil any of the above mentioned diseases, he shall be required to notify the Medical Health Officer or, where none such exists, the Local Board of Health on forms supplied by the school authorities, in order that evidence may be had of the truthfulness of the report; and he shall further be required to prevent the attendance of said pupil or pupils until medical evidence of the falsity of the report has been obtained.

Regulation of ice supplies.

2. The Local Board of Health of any municipality or district in which supplies of ice are obtained, sold and stored, shall have power to adopt such regulations regarding the source of supply, and the place of storage of the same, as shall in their opinion be the best adapted to secure the purity of the ice, and prevent injury to the public health. The powers and duties of all Local Boards in this respect shall extend to the supervision of ice-supplies, whether obtained within or outside the municipality, whenever the ice cut is intended for use within the municipality in which the Board has jurisdiction.

Remedy for tenant when Board neglects action.

3. In all cases where any person deems himself injuriously affected, through the refusal or neglect of any person to carry out the directions of the Sanitary Inspector or the Local Board of Health under sections 5, 6 or 7 of schedule A of *The Public Health Act, 1884*, it shall be lawful for him to lay information before a justice of the peace or police magistrate when, after evidence has been given of the violation of any of these sections, the offender or offenders shall be made liable to the penalties imposed under section 18 of said schedule.

Inspection of slaughter-houses outside the municipality.

4. All butchers selling within the limits of any municipality shall, on the request of the health authorities, make affidavit as to the place or places at which the slaughter of their meat is carried on, and where this is outside of the limits of the municipality such slaughter-houses shall be open to inspection by the inspector or Medical Health Officer of the municipality where the meat is offered for sale. In case of refusal to make such affidavit and permit said inspection, said butchers shall be subject to the penalties prescribed under section 65 of *The Public Health Act of 1884* should the sale of meat be continued by them after notification to discontinue has been given by the Medical Health Officer.

Inspection of dairies and slaughter-houses.

5. The Medical Health Officer under the direction of the Local Board of Health shall have authority to make or cause to be made by a veterinary surgeon, or such other competent person, as the circumstances may require, a periodic inspection of all dairies, cheese factories and creameries, dairy farms, and slaughter-houses, which come within his or their jurisdiction.

45 V. c. 29, s. 3 amended.

6. Section 3 of the Act passed in the forty-fifth year of Her Majesty's reign, chapter 29, is amended by inserting after the word "disease," in the fourteenth line, the following:—"They shall enquire into the measures which are being taken by Local Boards for the limitation of any existing dangerous, contagious or infectious disease, through powers conferred upon said Local Boards by any Public Health Act, and should it appear that no efficient measures are being taken and that the said powers are not being enforced, it shall be

competent for the Provincial Board, in the interests of the public health, to require the Local Board to exercise and enforce any of the said powers which, in the opinion of the Provincial Board, the urgency of the case demands; and in any such case where the Local Board, after request by the Provincial Board, neglect or refuse to exercise their powers, the Provincial Board may, with the approval of the Minister of the Department under which the Board is for the time being acting, exercise and enforce at the expense of the municipality any of the powers of Local Boards which under the circumstances they may consider necessary."

45 V. c. 29, s. 2, repealed.

7. Section 2 of the said Act is hereby repealed and the following substituted in lieu thereof:—

Salaries and allowance of Chairman and Members of the Board.

2. The Chairman of the Board shall be appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, and shall be paid an annual salary not exceeding the sum of $400 per annum; other members of the Board, except the Secretary, shall be paid such per diem allowance while attending meetings of the Board, or any committee thereof, as may be voted by the Legislature and approved by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, together with actual travelling and other necessary expenses while employed on the business of the Board.

45 V. c. 29, s. 7, amended.

8. Section 7 of the said Act is hereby amended by striking out the words "one thousand," in the fourth line thereof, and inserting instead "seventeen hundred and fifty."

45 V. c. 29, s. 9, repealed.

9. Section 9 of the said Act is hereby repealed and the following substituted:—

Supply of vaccine matter.

9. It shall be the duty of the Provincial Board of Health to see that a supply of proper vaccine matter is obtainable at all times at such vaccine farms and other places as are subject to inspection by the Board.

47 V. c. 38, s. 3 (48 V. c. 45, s. 12) amended.

10. Sub-section 9 of section 3 of *The Public Health Act, 1884*, added thereto by section 12 of *The Public Health Act, 1885*, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "of," in the first line, the words "houses, schools, churches," and after the word "stations," in the same line, the words "and other buildings."

47 V. c. 38, s. 3 (48 V. c. 45, s. 12) amended.

11. Sub-section 12 of section 3 of the said Act is hereby amended by inserting after the word "removal," the words "or keeping under surveillance."

47 V. c. 38, s. 32, amended.

12. The second sub-section of section 32 of the said Act is amended by striking out the words "report the facts to the municipal council" or councils, and such council or councils may," in the sixth and seventh lines thereof.